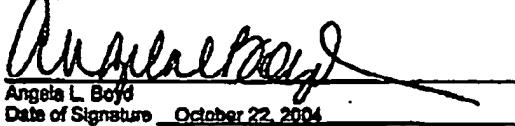


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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 22, 2004, having a term that for response, without extension, by October 22, 2004. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	21 minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 22	Minus	** 21 = 1
Independent	* 5	Minus	*** 5 = -
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

1, 9, 17, 18, 20,

SMALL ENTITY TYPE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
RATE	Fee	RATE
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR BASIC FEE
XS 9=		XS18= 18
X43=		X86= 172
+145=		OR +290=
TOTAL		OR TOTAL 360

SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE
XS 9=		OR XS18= 18 <sup>00</sup>
X43=		X86= -
+145=		OR +290=
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL 18 <sup>00</sup>

AMENDMENT B	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT C	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT C	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT D	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT D	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT E	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT D	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	* Minus	**	=	Total	* Minus	**	=
Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT E	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT F	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT D	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT E	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	* Minus	**	=	Total	* Minus	**	=
Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT F	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT G	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT E	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT F	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT G	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT H	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT F	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT G	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT H	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT I	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT G	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT H	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT I	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT J	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT H	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT I	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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AMENDMENT J	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT K	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT I	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT J	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT K	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT L	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT J	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT K	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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AMENDMENT L	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT M	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT K	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT L	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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AMENDMENT M	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT N	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT L	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT M	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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AMENDMENT N	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	AMENDMENT O	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT M	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	AMENDMENT N	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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Independent	* Minus	***	=	Independent	* Minus	***	=
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